

**State of Indiana  
Sentencing Policy Study Committee**

**AGENDA**

**Date:** **Wednesday, July 7, 2004**

**Time:** **9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.**

**Location:** **Senate Finance Room  
State House, Room 431  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**9:00 a.m.** ***Call to Order and Remarks about the Visit by  
the Representatives of the Vera Institute***

- Senator David Long, Chair  
Sentencing Policy Study Committee
- The Committee will discuss observations and impressions about the testimony from the Vera Institute as well as any thoughts on the specific assistance that can be obtained in the future.

**9:30 a.m.** ***Review and Discussion of the Blakely v  
Washington Decision***

- A presentation will be given that summarizes this recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that requires any aggravating circumstance that increases the punishment beyond the statutorily authorized maximum sentence, to be proven to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt.
- Attached is a copy of the "Slip Opinion".

**10:30 a.m.**

***Report from the Chairs of the Work Groups***

- Each Work Group Chair will be asked to provide a 3-5 minute overview of the issues and outcomes of the initial work group meetings held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as well as identify issues that could benefit by comments and input from the members of the full Committee.
- Dick Good, Co-Chair, Policy and System Development
- Steve Johnson, Co-Chair, Criminal Code Revision
- Todd McCormack, Co-Chair, Transitional Services

**10:45 a.m.**

***Break***

**11:00 a.m.**

***Work Group Discussions (Committee members will proceed to their work group assignments for the remainder of the meeting. NOTE: Rooms are available until 2:00 p.m.)***

- Policy and System Development, Room 156-A
- Criminal Code Revision, Room 156-B
- Transitional Services, Room 156-C

The work group members are being asked to:

- Establish the next three work group meetings for August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>;
- Determine the 3-5 priorities that will result in recommendations from the work group;
- Identify a maximum of 4 policy issue topics that each of the three work groups feel deserve further development through

a briefing paper. The briefing paper will include the identification of the most important aspects of the policy issue and an assessment of lessons learned and promising practices throughout the country on that issue.

**12:30 p.m.**

***Adjournment***